

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3495  
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FOREIGN MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of foreign migrants living in the country as well as their place of origin, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government are providing any relief to migrants from any country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (d) the annual expenditure incurred by the Government thereon ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO )

(a) to (d): Powers of the Central Government under the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 and the Foreigners Act, 1946 have been entrusted to the State Government and Union Territory Administrations, with their prior consultation, under Article 258 and 239 respectively of the Constitution. As such, no data regarding migrants from different countries staying in India is centrally maintained. However, figures available for Sri Lankans and Tibetans who have been given refuge in India and are also receiving some assistance from the Government, show that there were about 65,000 Sri Lankans and about 1,80,000 Tibetans living in India as on 31.12.2000. Entire expenditure on the relief to such Sri Lankans for shelter in camps, cash doles, clothing, subsidised ration, utensils and medical facilities, incurred by the Government of India amounted to Rs. 229.36 crore approximately from 1983 till March, 2000, Rs. 25 crore has been provided for this purpose in the year 2000-01. Similarly, Government of India has spent an amount of Rs. 18.12 crores approximately upto 31.3.2001 on such Tibetans. This excludes the amount incurred by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on the education of children of such Tibetans.